

To The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I **oppose** H.B. 5653, the proposed tax on ammunition in the state of Connecticut.

The concern and focus on firearms and ammunition is the wrong focus, the correct focus should be on the individuals who are committing these violent crimes, by what ever instrument chosen (firearm, knife or blunt instrument).

H.B. 5653 will make it hard for people already struggling in our failing economy to train properly for hunting and recreational shooting sports. H.B. 5653 would be on par with consideration towards a sin tax. H. B. 5653 penalizes responsible gun owners for the actions of criminals or potential actions of criminals. Guns and ammo are ALREADY subject to an additional 11% tax on top of the CT sales tax.

This proposed bill on law abiding citizens harmlessly enjoying a sport or hobby will continue to deteriorate the state of Connecticut.

Thank you for your time

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